

Workingmen's Houses,
Phillip M. Purcell House
393 Southern Avenue
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 393 Southern Avenue
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 1.35
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 NE1/4 S36 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691710.4705860
Lot dimensions : 21'x 20'; 47'x 130'; .15 acre
Lot description: Lot 1 of Lot 6 and East 7.5'
of East 57.5' of Lot 7 of
John Breakey's Dubuque

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 1-1/2 story main block: 28'x 40'; front porch: 24'x 8';
rear porch: 28'x 8'.

Orientation : south

Architectural Description : Plan type : rectangular, 1-1/2 stories.
Foundation: poured-in-place concrete perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: narrow exposed beveled wood siding with wrapped corners.

Roofs : jerkinhead roof over main block; hipped roof over enclosed porch; 3-tab asphalt shingles throughout.

Chimneys : brick interior chimney on main roof west slope.

Dormers : one dormer on west side with paired double-hung windows; roofline imitates jerkinhead configuration of main block, with same sheathing.

Windows : 1/1 double-hung windows, placed singly, paired or tripled; 1/1 double-hung paired under gables on second story of both north and south sides; 1/1 fixed on enclosed porch on south facade. Basement windows are either 1 light or 3/3; cottage window on west bay of north elevation, first story; plain casings.

Openings : primary entrance on south facade, centrally placed with 2 lights, one panel and top light. Door on north elevation is also centered; plain casings.

Porches : full-width, single-story enclosed front porch; concrete steps and hipped roof; same siding and roofing as main block. Open, hipped roof rear porch, with four square columns.

Details : simply boxed cornices on main block and porch roofs.

Construction Date : 1925

Architecture Style: Bungalow

Physical History : This single-story frame dwelling was reportedly built in 1925, evidently on the site of an earlier house, by grocer Phillip M. Purcell. Long-term tenant Frank P. Warwick lived here from 1942 until at least 1970. The house appears to have been altered only minimally by the installation of aluminum storm windows and asphalt shingles on the roof.

Significance: This is a typically configured bungalow, similar in scale but architecturally unlike the earlier workingmen's houses along Southern Avenue.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1899 - 1970.
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-32-2-23.
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment."

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